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Pennsylvania Cheese Production Down in 2014

HARRISBURG, PA - Total cheese production in Pennsylvania, excluding cottage cheeses, was 416 million pounds, 2.6 percent below 2013 production, according to according to King Whetstone, Director, of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Regional Field Office.

Italian varieties, with 257 million pounds were 1.7 percent below 2013 production and accounted for 61.9 percent of total cheese in 2014. Mozzarella accounted for 85.9 percent of the Italian production, at 221 million pounds, 3.5 percent below 2013. Swiss cheese production, was 9.1 million pounds 8.2 percent above 2013 production.

Butter production during 2014 totaled 93.8 million pounds, 5.2 percent above 2013. Pennsylvania accounted for 5.1 percent of the United States production.

Ice cream, regular (hard) production totaled 37 million gallons, up 1.4 percent from 2013. Ice cream mix, regular production totaled 21.5 million gallons, 11.1 percent above 2013. Low fat ice cream production, at 5.4 million gallons, was 2 percent below the 2013 production level.

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